(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial provisions made in this regard, State-wise especially for Chhattisgarh; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Primary objective of national parks and sanctuaries is conservation of biodiversity and thereby ensuring ecological and environmental security of the country. Visit of tourists to wildlife sanctuaries is organised, in a regulated manner, to provide an opportunity to have a communion with nature and to develop empathy towards wild animals, without impacting nature. Development of tourism is not a sanctioned component of the centrally sponsored schemes under wildlife sector.

Treatment with animals

2561. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the duties and responsibilities of the Commission for Prevention & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPSEA) and Animals Welfare Board (AWB);

(b) the details of preparations for the forthcoming international workshop on animal experiments to be held in Delhi in October, 2002;

(c) whether CPSEA & AWB have received complaints about ill-treatment of animals, used for experiments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a)The broad duties and responsibilities of Committee for Purpose of Control & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) are:—

- Registration of institutions, establishments, breeders etc. for carrying out experiments on animals/breeding animals
- Monitoring the housing of animals by breeders and establishments to ensure that it is as per specified standards
- According permission for conducting experiments on animals to registered institutions/establishments

- To make rules and guidelines for experiments on animals.

The broad duties and responsibilities of Animal Welfare Board of India are:—

- Advisory Role to the Central Government
- Grant of Financial Assistance to AWOs/NGOs
- Creation of awareness in Animal Welfare
- Establishment of State Animal Welfare Boards
- Conduct of training programme in Animal Welfare

(b) The exact date for holding international conference on "Alternatives to the" use of Animals in Research and Education" has not been decided. Logistic arrangements for the same have also not begun.

(c) and (d) Complaints regarding ill-treatment to animals during experiments are received by CPCSEA and include:

- Violation of Good Laboratory Practices (GLP)
- Unhygienic condition of animal houses *i.e.* dark and damp rooms with no ventilation.
- Diseased animals and animals with poor health used for experimentation.
- Animals being kept in small cages for long.
- Contaminated food and unclean drinking water given to the animals.
- Non-availability of veterinary care.

AWBI receives complaints regarding cruelty to animals which are broadly of the Nature Listed under Section-11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and matter is taken up with concerned District Collectors/Superintendent of Police for taking suitable action.

Utilization of amount for Uttaranchal Forestry Projects

†2562.SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarrc>d

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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